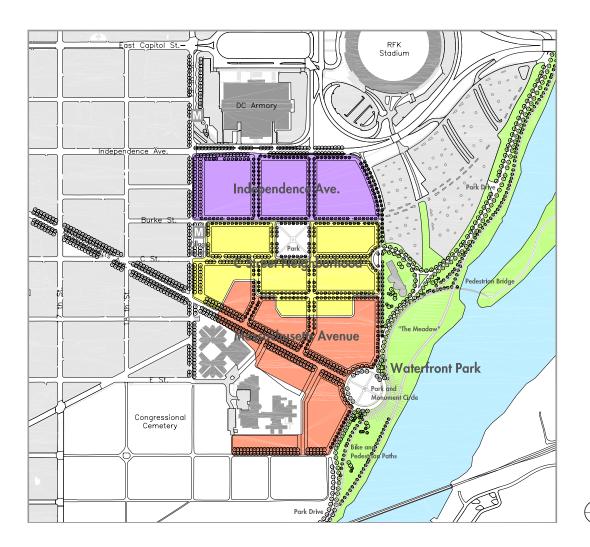


Streets, Blocks and Circulation

The Draft Master Plan enhances and accommodates future transportation needs by providing an integrated street network with many connections to existing streets. The grid replicates the existing pattern of streets, blocks and public squares that make Washington, in general, and Hill East in particular, so successful as urban neighborhoods. It offers multi- modal opportunities by providing sites for development at Metro stations. Parking is accommodated in garages throughout the site, reducing the need for surface parking lots and providing an environment at street level for both the pedestrian and the automobile. Specific recommendations include:

- · Providing on- street parallel parking for all streets
- Locating shared parking structures in convenient, yet less visible locations.
- Returning 19th Street SE to two -way traffic, thereby making the street easier to cross and functioning as a neighborhood center.
- Locating large, city-wide uses on Independence Avenue to reduce the amount of heavy traffic passing through the neighborhood.
- Providing an integrated street grid to reduce the impact of traffic on existing neighborhood streets.
- Providing a Park Drive on adjacent National Park Service land to improve access and enhance local traffic circulation.
- Providing sidewalks throughout the site, quality streetscapes and traffic calming techniques for safe and pleasant pedestrian movement.





Districts

The Draft Master Plan is comprised of four districts: Independence Avenue District, C Street Neighborhood, Massachusetts Avenue District and the Waterfront District. Each district is different in character and use and serves a different need. The variety of districts in the plan help relate the plan to the very diverse areas surrounding the site area and establish diversity within the plan itself. The uses of the districts are:

- Independence Avenue District—This area provides easy access from Independence Avenue and the surrounding regional network of roads and will be devoted to city-wide uses, St. Coletta School and services including health-care, recreation, and education. (Sites in this area are also large enough to support the construction of a new hospital, should future need or funding for one be demonstrated).
- C Street Neighborhood- This district is the extension of the Hill East neighborhood to the east along C Street and Burke Street and is primarily residential in use with other neighborhood amenities. Retail will be located at the Village Square along 19th Street SE.
- Massachusetts Avenue District
 This district will be comprised of new civic and municipal buildings dedicated to health care and municipal services. It will also define the space of the avenue to the waterfront.
- Waterfront District (National Park Service land) New parklands characterize this district stretching along the banks of the river. These park spaces are places of great variety with a Meadow, a Monument Circle in the Washington, DC tradition, a series of bike and pedestrian paths and a Park Drive for low speed automobile movement. Connections are proposed to Kingman Island and to linear park up and down the river. The Park Drive will provide a pleasurable way to move along the river's edge in an automobile and continue access to parking lots for sporting events at RFK Stadium.

